

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES LAUNCHED BY KVIC
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes launched by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for providing self-employment to the handicapped, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities, backward and poor people living below the poverty line in the country particularly Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of families benefited under the schemes during the last three years in the country, State-wise/District- wise/Year-wise;
- (c) whether the KVIC has chalked out any new comprehensive scheme for the poor people living below poverty line in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): On behalf of the Central Government, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) implements the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP). This is a credit-linked subsidy Programme for employment generation, with assistance for setting up village industries, and is implemented throughout the country, including Uttar Pradesh, in rural areas and towns with population up to 20,000. Under this Programme, entrepreneurs can establish village industries, by availing of margin money assistance (subsidy) from the KVIC and loans from public sector scheduled commercial banks, selected regional rural banks, cooperative banks, etc., for employment projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh. The subsidy under the Programme is provided to the physically challenged, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, minorities, backward classes and other weaker sections for setting up projects, at the rate of 30 per cent of the project cost up to Rs. 10 lakh, as against 25 per cent applicable to the general category entrepreneurs. Further, under this Programme, the borrowers belonging to the above-mentioned categories are required to invest their own contribution of only 5 per cent of the project cost as against 10 per cent required for the general category entrepreneurs. For projects with costs of more than Rs. 10 lakh and up to Rs. 25 lakh, the rate of subsidy is, however, 10 per cent of the balance cost uniformly for all categories of entrepreneurs.

(b): State-wise details of the additional employment generated under the REGP during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are given in the Annexure enclosed. District-wise details of REGP beneficiaries are not maintained centrally.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.